



January 10, 2023

No school on MLK Day

There is no school Monday, January 16, 2023, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

DHS Exam Schedule

Davison High School students will be taking exams next week and will be following the schedule below. Note that Wednesday, Thursday and Friday are delayed start days for all students in grades 9-12, including Davison Alternative Education students.

January 18: Hours 1 & 2
January 19: Hours 3 & 4
January 20: Hours 5 & 6

Hours: 1st, 3rd, 5th
9:30 to 11:43 a.m.

Lunch

A: 11:48 a.m. to 12:18 p.m.
B: 12:23 to 12:52 p.m.
C: 12:55 to 1:25 p.m.

Hours: 2nd, 4th, 6th
11:48 a.m. to 2:36 p.m.

Davison Community Schools Building Beat



VEX Robotics make impression at Cranbrook competition

Davison High School was represented by not one, not two, but three VEX robotics teams at a competition held last month at Cranbrook Academy. Our rookie teams competed against some of the best teams in the state, according to **David Lawrence**, who teaches engineering, mechatronics and VEX Robotics at DHS.

"I'm proud to say that all teams made it to the final rounds, and team 12019B made it to the final 8 in the semi-finals," Mr. Lawrence said.

The biggest achievement was team 12019A winning the "Judges Award" trophy, which is presented to a team that the judges determine is deserving of special recognition.



Members of Team 12019A included: **Joey Chambers, Brady Hudson, Savannah Miller, Keaston Rodriguez, Evan Shufelt** and **Daniel Watts**.

Members of Team 12019B included: **Jasper Costello, Helena Hitsman, Devin Junga, Manuel Mireles** and **Brady Sayles**.

Members of Team 12019C included: **Christopher Hodges, Jameson Murphy,** and **Riley O'Toole**.

Students selected as Kiwanis A+B=C recipients

Twelve students were honored as recipients of the prestigious Kiwanis A+B=C Award at a luncheon held on December 13, 2022.

The recipients included:

Arianna Bolin, Davison High School sophomore. Arianna was nominated by DHS Teacher Mrs. **Mary Ann Stedry** for being generous with her time and al-

ways being the first to step up and lend a helping hand. Arianna volunteers countless hours to brighten the days of others. She recently spent an afternoon visiting and playing card games with seniors at an assisted living facility, making each one feel like they were the most important person in the room.

Ethan Brokaw, Davison High School sophomore. Ethan was nominated by DHS Teacher Mrs. **Kateri Blake** who said Ethan is open to working with all other students, speaks kindly, is patient with his peers and follows classroom procedures without reminders.

Vivian Griffin, senior at Davison High School. Vivian was nominated by DHS Teacher Mrs. **Mary Ann Stedry** for having a positive attitude and integrity. It was Vivian's idea to make welcome bags for this year's freshmen to encourage them to join the Key Club.

Emersyn McCann, junior at Davison High School. Emersyn was nominated by DHS Teacher Ms. **Megan Gieselman** for being honest, trustworthy and dependable. Emersyn will ask for extra reading material to help her understand the topic the class is learning and enjoys discussing what she has read when finished.

Caleb Richardson, sophomore at Davison High School. Nominated by DHS Teacher Ms. **Raina Palso**, Caleb upholds the character traits that are prioritized in school every day. Although he upholds every aspect of the Cardinal Code, Ms. Palso said she considers Caleb to be especially courteous and attentive.

Michael Graham, eighth grader at Davison Middle School. Michael was nominated by DMS Teacher Mrs. **Lorie Smith** because he volunteers to help out in class, never has negative things to say and is willing to put in extra time and effort with his studies.

Alexander Hosang, seventh grader at Davison Middle School. Nominated by DMS Teacher Mrs. **Jenifer Green**, Alexander chooses to spend his lunch daily eating in a quiet area with a LINK buddy who has autism and cannot eat in the lunchroom due to sensory issues. "Choosing to each lunch with his buddy is more than impressive, it is valiant and I wish I could find 20 more LINKS just like him to represent DMS in our Peer 2 Peer program," Mrs. Green said.

Katherine (Kat) Shorkey, eighth grader at Davison Middle School. Kat was nominated by DMS Teacher Mr. **Matt Wasson** for having a positive mindset, a love for learning and a moral compass that is pointed in the right direction. She also speaks with kindness and is a beacon of honesty.

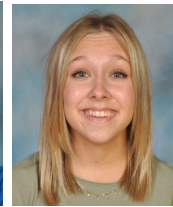
Cole Aboneaaj, fifth grader at Hahn Intermediate. Cole was nominated by Hahn Intermediate Teacher Mrs. **Lisa Knopf** who said that her favorite quality of Cole is his integrity. He always does the right thing when no one is looking, including buddying up with a special needs classmate in classroom games or activities. He has given up time with friends, rewards and acknowledgements even if it meant that another student was given praise or a reward.



Arianna



Ethan



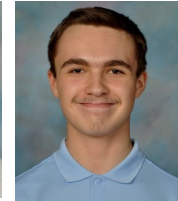
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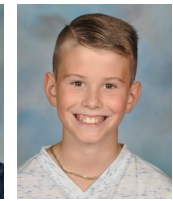
Katherine



Cole



Lilah



Jace



Juliana

Lylah Blanchard, fifth grader at Hahn Intermediate. Nominated by Hahn Intermediate Teacher Mrs. Amanda Hoggard, Lylah is a great role model to others. She is kind, courteous and honest. When she sees other students struggling, Lylah is quick to offer help.

Jace Hamilton, sixth grade student at Hahn Intermediate. Jace was nominated by Hahn Intermediate Teacher Mrs. Kim LaFave for going the extra step to care, notice and love other people unconditionally. He jumps to help pass out papers, pick up things or clean up the classroom.

Juliana Martinez, fifth grade student at Hahn Intermediate. Nominated by Teacher Mrs. Andrea Derricks, Juliana is a good example of the Cardinal Code. She is thoughtful and caring to her classmates, is a hard worker and stays on task. Juliana helped a classmate who was struggling with keeping up by showing her how to do various assignments.

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DHS, DAE students of month for November, December

Congratulations to the following students who have been named Students of the Month for November and December at Davison High School and Davison Alternative Education.

NOVEMBER

9th grade - **Myah Houvener**

Nominated by: **Mr. Wilcox**

I would like to nominate Myah Houvener for Student of the Month. She is one of the nicest and most respectful students I have, and always has a smile on her face. I have her 1st hour, so it's a pleasure to have her during Team Time as well, as she positively contributes to the class. She is very smart and very thorough in her mathematical studies. When there are people around her or in her group that are struggling, she is always willing to help them and provide assistance. I wish I had 30 Myah Houverners in every class.



Myah

10th grade - **Trayten Haido**

Nominated by: **Mr. Sullivan**

Tray is a role model on the football field and in the classroom. He has a great sense of humor and is always willing to help in any way. He is a great kid with a tremendous work ethic. His peers respect him because he treats everyone, athlete or not, with the same respect and positive attitude. Tray would be a perfect fit for student of the month.



Trayten

11th grade - **Lillian Kish**

Nominated by: **Mr. Pittenger**

Lillian was in my 1st Hour Team-Taught Biology class last year. Lillian is a genuine, kind, and unselfish person with exceptional moral character, effort, and academic standards. She embodies all aspects of the Cardinal Code and characterizes the term student-athlete. Last year, when other students needed help or to be included in a group, she was always the first one to reach out a



Lillian

helping hand. Having Lillian in class was like having another teacher in the classroom. Her leadership, patience and generosity in helping other people is heartwarming.

12th grade - **Morgan King**

Nominated by: **Ms. Aboneaaj**

Morgan walks into class every day with a smile on her face, and is ready to learn! I appreciate her prompt attendance and her positive attitude. I have never seen Morgan get discouraged, or angry, regardless of the circumstances. She's always willing to help others no matter what they need. Morgan is definitely one of Davison's best!

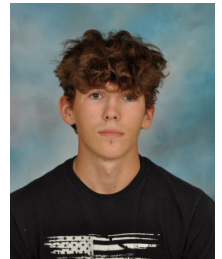


Morgan

DAE - **Owen Denton**

Nominated by: **Mr. Michalik**

Owen has shown excellent leadership in the classroom. His dedication is amazing. I think he beats me to class almost every day, especially on Wednesdays. His drive to learn new and old technology has been outstanding. He was the first student to master the scan tool on new and old vehicles. Along with taking the time to work with and show other students. Denton is going to do amazing things when he leaves DAE and I'm very honored and proud to call him one of my Davison Automotive students.



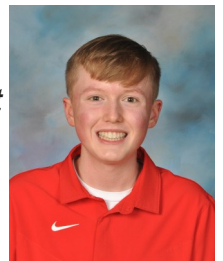
Owen

DECEMBER

9th grade - **Gavin Thompson**

Nominating Teacher: **Ms. Zimmer**

Gavin consistently displays every component of the Cardinal Code. He is seriously the kindest, most respectful young man that I have the privilege to teach. He's always very supportive and helpful of his classmates; for example: whenever someone in class needs a Chromebook charger, he always offers his while many students ignore the request. He's very friendly with both me and his peers. When there is time at the end of the hour, he'll make a point of asking me how I am doing. When it comes to his classwork, he is very conscientious about doing his best--he will actually compare his essay with the rubric to make sure he hit every part of the "Exemplary" category. This is just a sampling of the many reasons he deserves this recognition, and I am grateful to be his teacher.

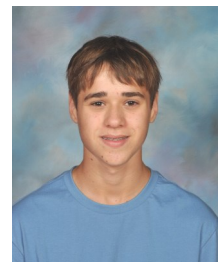


Gavin

10th grade - **Cameron Turner**

Nominating Teacher: **Mrs. Gokey**

Cameron is in my Spanish 2 class. He comes to class every day with a positive attitude and a willingness to work hard. He is kind to all of his classmates and is great at working with every student. Cameron works 1-on-1 with an autistic student that sometimes needs extra help and extra patience from their classmates. Cameron is so great with them that when the opportunity for me to nominate someone for Student of the Month came along, he was the first one that came to mind. Great job Cameron, thanks for being a great person!!

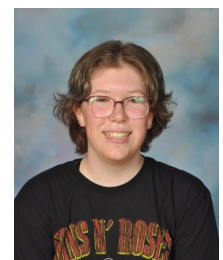


Cameron

11th grade - **Katie Kraut**

Nominating Teacher: **Ms. Ruggiero**

I have known Katie since last year when she helped found the DHS Environmental Club with four of her friends. I immediately noticed that her passion for protecting the natural world is exceptional! Katie is the club secretary and co-manages the recycling program. In addition, she is also



Katie

a student in my Environmental Science class. She regularly contributes thoughtful and passionate responses in class discussions. Recently, she was accepted into the Flint River Watershed Leadership Council where she will work alongside youth and adults to improve the health of the watershed and bring awareness to others. She is making every effort she can to personally live sustainably while also spreading the message. Katie is a great example of a student who 'practices what she preaches'.

12th grade - **Lilian Moore**

Nominating Teacher: **Mrs. Cavric**

Lilian is a very conscientious student and extremely dependable. Although quiet, she always displays respect and attention to classroom expectations; and is also polite to her fellow students. She is a hard-worker and displays a love of learning!



Lilian

DAE - **Mathew Fuller**

Nominating Teacher: **Mrs. Hollenback**

It has been a joy to watch Mat grow over the past few years. Mat has faced many things at his young age, and has persevered with grace through it all AND supporting others. Mat is always courteous to staff and students. He stays engaged in class. He was appointed to DAE's "Alpaca" team where he is a leader in our school. Mat advocates for himself by checking his grades and credits to be sure he is on track. Mat is just a great overall human, and DAE is lucky to have him.



Mathew

DMS band has good showing at Solo & Ensemble Festival

Congratulations to the Davison Middle School student musicians who performed at the Solo & Ensemble held on a Saturday in December at North Branch High School. DMS Band Director **Brad Davis** reports that all of the DMS solo/ensemble events received the highest rating of "first division."

"Our students received a combination of five letter grades in their events," he said. "As a whole, our band students earned 57 As and only 8 Bs."

Ava Reyes - Snare Drum Solo

Leocadia McNicol - Trumpet Solo

Sawyer O'Brien/Cameron Pake - Trumpet Duet

Jessica Bogart - Trumpet Solo

Calvin Ferguson - Snare Drum Solo

Katherine Shorkey - Flute Solo

Austin Spodney - Alto Sax Solo

Jaidyn Stheiner - Alto Sax Solo

Darrick Bishop - Clarinet Solo

Brandon Muller - Alto Sax Solo

Sophie Brown/Roseali Dewilde - Alto Sax Duet

Lily Surface - Trumpet Solo

Brooklyn Watters - Clarinet Solo

Icelynn Ondrajka - Flute Solo



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